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DPC Meeting of November 18, 1993

1. Call Meeting to Order: Margit will call roll.
2. Chairman's Report:
 - a. Change in Agenda. Due to illness, Ron Russo of the East Bay Regional Park District cannot be here tonight. We will reschedule Agenda Item #9, briefing on Delta Environmental Science Center, to a later date.
 - b. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 1993 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jean Harvie Community Center in Walnut Grove.

At that meeting, we have tentatively scheduled:

- * Discussion of the Commission's Long-Term Funding Plan.
 - * Discussion of Inter-Agency Agreements with Attorney General's office and the Department of Water Resources for preparation of background reports
 - * Presentation and Public Hearing on the first Background Report on the Delta Environment
- b. Upcoming Meetings. Before the next commission meeting, the following meetings have been scheduled:

Monday, December 6: Budget and Finance Subcommittee

Tuesday, December 7: Environment Citizens Advisory Committee to discuss Utilities and Infrastructure and Land Use in the Delta

For more information, contact staff.

- c. Upcoming Delta Events:

Saturday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m.: Holiday Run and Walk against Drugs starting and ending at Delta Memorial Hospital in Antioch.

Saturdays and Wednesdays starting November 13 through December 11, Pheasant Hunting on Twitchell Island, managed by the Department of Fish and Game and in cooperation with the Department of Water Resources, the property owner. Call Fish and Game's Stockton office for more details.

3. Executive Director's Report--Turn over to Margit

a. Minutes. Due to the very short time between the last meeting and the mailing for this meeting, we were unable to prepare draft minutes. They will be mailed to you in your next packet and scheduled on the next agenda.

b. Interagency Agreements. I have met with both the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Water Resources regarding assistance in preparation of the background reports. I hope to bring those proposals to the Budget and Finance Committee and to the Commission in December.

c. Significant meetings: Since the last meeting, I have met with planners from the Delta Counties to discuss land use issues and have arranged to meet with staff of Delta Mosquito Abatement Districts to discuss vector control and how it ties into land uses in the Delta, particularly seasonal flooding. Flooding has traditionally been used as an agricultural tool and is also used for providing habitat for wintering waterfowl.

d. At the last meeting, there were questions about the boundary between the San Francisco and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Boards. The San Francisco District includes none of the Commission's Solano County planning area and in Contra Costa County, Winter Island and Pittsburg and everything west; Antioch is in the Central Valley Board's jurisdiction. We are still trying to get a readable map from the Corps about the boundary between San Francisco and Sacramento Corps, but it appears to be similar to the Regional Board boundaries.

4. Attorney General's Report: Christine Sproul, Deputy Attorney General (Formerly with Secretary of Resources' office, left to go to Department of Forestry and now in Attorney General office working with Rick Frank and substituting for him tonight.

5. Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of Policy to Request Reimbursement for Background Reports.

Turn over to Margit for Staff Report and Recommendation.

Open Public Hearing.

Close Public Hearing.

Commission Discussion.

Motion; Second

Vote.

6. Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of Legislative Program Regarding Marine Patrol Funding and Extension Date for Plan, if needed.

Tom: The Legislative Subcommittee met before the meeting and reviewed concepts for funding Marine Patrol in the Delta. The Subcommittee voted to recommend that the full Commission adopt the language before you which supports the concept of new legislation to raise the boat registration fee, with the new monies ear-marked for Marine Patrol, and to work with the Department of Boating and Waterways to revise the formula for distribution of personal property tax monies on boats to eligible counties.

I and Contra Costa County staff have taken a lead role in this because we believe Marine Patrol is vital to public health and safety in the Delta. My County's Marine Patrol has been virtually eliminated due to lack of funding. We have set up meeting with the Sheriffs of the other four Delta Counties, contracted representatives of the boating community, and others to gain support for this concept. We know the idea of the legislation is not the end to the problem, but it may be the start of a public dialog which will eventually result in a solution to some very real problems for the Delta. I understand that San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has endorsed this concept and that other cities and counties will be reviewing similar language int he next few weeks.

Regarding the other legislative item, Senator Pat Johnston submitted a "spot bill" last session which could be amended to address the date of adoption of the Plan if needed. The Legislative Subcommittee has advised staff that staff should proceed full-speed ahead to meet the July 1, 1994 deadline for adopting the Plan. Staff is following that schedule.

Open Public Hearing

Close Public Hearing

Commission Discussion

Motion; Second

Commission Vote

7. Public Hearing and Commission Adoption of Proposed Contract for Recreation and Access Background Report.

Turn over to Margit.

Open Public Hearing

Close Public Hearing

Commission Discussion

Motion; Second

Commission Vote

8. Briefing on Ducks Unlimited's "Delta Care" program to implement the Central Valley Habitat Joint venture in the Delta by working with private property owners. This is not a public hearing and no Commission action will be taken. The speaker will take questions from the Commission and the public through he Chair, as time allows.

Speakers: Mark Steele, Regional Biologist for the Delta

9. Briefing on Delta Environmental Science Center -to be rescheduled.

10. Public Comments

11. Commissioner Comments and Announcements

12. Adjourn--Motion and Second